

Community Assessment Program Area 23 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on June 18, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 23 is bounded on the northwest by Highway 99W, on the northeast by Frewing Street, on the south east by O'Mara Street, and on the south by McDonald Street.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

Kudos – Lots of Kudos for this area including wonderful landscaping comments, nice flowers, and well maintained homes and yards.

Storm drain stenciling – None of the storm drains in the area are stenciled to discourage dumping. The city's volunteer coordinator has added storm drain stenciling in this area to the potential volunteer project list. If you're interested in helping out, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

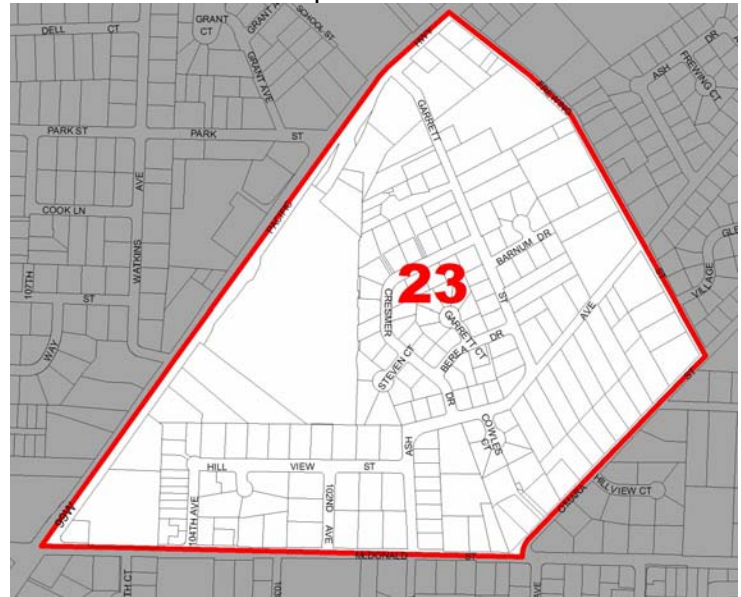
Addresses not visible – There were several homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or 27047@ci.tigard.or.us

Trip Hazards on sidewalks – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling, and overgrown vegetation that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us.

Photo of area 23



Map of Area 23



Overgrown vegetation on private property – Did you know that any grass over 10 inches tall is considered noxious vegetation and a violation of city code? There were a few comments that grass is beginning to get high on several properties in this area. Make sure to stay on top of the mowing as the warmer weather gets here. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us

Basketball hoops in right-of-way – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops appeared in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us .

Vegetation blocking fire hydrants – There were a few examples where vegetation had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or sam@ci.tigard.or.us .

Illegal dumping – There were several examples of large, bulky items being dumped in openspace areas. This is not only illegal, it is unsightly and creates a poor image of our community. Our public works crew has been asked to clean the areas up, however, if you see someone dumping items in public areas, contact police non-emergency at 503-629-0111.

More ways you can help make our community better –

If you spot graffiti contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

Neighborhood Watch - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

Help protect our streams - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The "dump no waste, drains to stream" message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us. The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.